"Managing Uncertainty from COVID-19 in the UK WASH Sector: Reflections from SanCoP"

Main Host: Sally Cawood

Invited Speakers: Joanne Beale, Barbara Evans, Lucy Stevens

Facilitators: Noémie de la Brosse, Celia Way

Tech Support: Jonathan Wilcox

Outline

1. Introduction

Verbal presentation on why we are here, objectives, housekeeping.

Objectives for participants:

- To build a better understanding of how COVID-19 might affect/is affecting your work
- ii. To gain knowledge of how others are managing uncertainty caused by COVID-19
- iii. Help you get some ideas for how individuals and 'the collective' (i.e. SanCoP/UK WASH sector) might move forward

2. Brief Insights and Perspectives from Three Sectors

Verbal presentations on personal views from different sectors (academia, NGO, consultancy) outlining some challenges (current and anticipated) and adaptations people are making (e.g. techniques or methods to manage or conceptualise uncertainty in proposal writing, PhD projects etc.).

- i. Barbara Evans (University of Leeds),
- ii. Jo Beale (independent consultant)
- iii. Lucy Stevens (Practical Action)

3. Sectoral Breakout

Participants will be preassigned a room and moved into them accordingly:

• Academia (Facilitator: Celia, Alison)

• NGOs (Facilitator: Noémie)

• Consultancy (Facilitator: Jo)

Groups will discuss how COIVD-19 uncertainty is/will impact on their 'sector' and the work they are doing and how they are doing it.

We suggest it might be useful to consider following a SWOT approach, thinking about:

	Good	Bad
Internal	Strength	Weakness
External	Opportunity	Threat

(a blank version of this table will be provided in a virtual whiteboard for facilitators to capture the discussion)

For example:

- How are you placed to deal with the upheaval?
- What are you finding challenging at the moment?
- What are the positives, how have/ can things change for the better?
- What is making it difficult to deal with?

After 20 minutes, everyone will come back together again, and facilitators will each spend a few minutes sharing their group's whiteboard and key points.

4. Cross-sector Breakout

Participants will be preassigned a room of mixed people and moved into them accordingly. We will discuss:

How can we move forward as individuals and a collective?

Facilitators (*Celia, Jo, Noémie*) will capture ideas on a whiteboard, prompting and thinking about:

- Any lessons from each other
- What support could we give each other?
- How can we better work together?
- Short medium long term actions you/ we could take

After 20 minutes, everyone will come back together again, and facilitators will each spend a few minutes sharing their group's whiteboard and key points.

5. Wrap-up and AOB

Proposed Timetable:

Time	Speaker	Activity
09:30	Sally	Introduction
09:40	Sally	Introduce speakers and handover
09:45	Barbara Evans	Insights and perspectives from Academia
09:50	Jo Beale	Insights and perspectives from Consultancy
09:55	Lucy Stevens	Insights and perspectives from NGO
10:00	Celia/ Noémie/Jo/Alison	Sectoral Breakout
10:40	Celia/ Noémie/Jo/Alison	Cross-Sectoral Breakout
11:15	Sally	Wrap-up and AOB
11:20		Fin.